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In re: W280EM, Chicago, IL
File No. BLFT-20150120AIR
Facility ID No. 140763

Informal Objection

Dear Counsel:

We have before us: (1) the referenced application for a license to cover a construction permit¹ for FM Translator Station W280EM (W280EM or Station) to operate on Channel 280 at Chicago, Illinois, (License Application) filed on January 20, 2015, by Windy City Broadcasting, LLC (Windy City or Permittee); and (2) an "Informal Objection" (Objection) to the License Application filed on January 26, 2015, by Adams Radio of Northern Indiana, LLC (Adams), licensee of Station WXRD, Crown Point, Indiana, alleging interference from W280EM.² For the reasons set forth below, we dismiss the Objection and grant the License Application.

¹ See File No. BPFT-20141218AEA (Permit).

² Also before us are: (1) a "January 27, 2015, Interference Complaint & Supplement to Informal Objection" filed on January 27, 2015, by Adams (First Supplement); (2) a "January 28, 2015, Supplemental Interference Complaint & Supplement to Informal Objection" filed on January 28, 2015, by Adams (Second Supplement); (3) a "Reply" without any underlying text filed on February 3, 2015, by Windy City; (4) a "February 9, 2015, Supplemental

The Station is a Translator for primary station WTMX(FM) (Skokie, Illinois), owned by Chicago FCC License Sub, LLC. On December 18, 2014, Windy City filed the Permit application which the Media Bureau (Bureau) granted on December 23, 2014. On January 20, 2015, Windy City filed the License Application to cover the Permit.³

On January 26, 2015, Adams filed the Objection to the License Application, alleging that the Station was interfering with reception of WXRD by certain listeners. In support, Adams attached an “updated” list of WXRD listeners who purportedly experienced interference.⁴ In January and February 2015 Adams filed supplements that included information concerning additional listeners who purportedly experienced interference.

On February 10, 2015, Windy City noted that it had filed, on February 9, 2015, a modification application⁵ (Modification Application) for permission to operate the Station with a directional antenna that it anticipated would address the alleged interference issues. On February 12, 2015, Adams objected to the Modification Application. Thereafter, Windy City filed a series of Special Temporary Authority (STA) applications involving temporary engineering operations and requests to remain silent.⁶ On May 3, 2018, the Bureau dismissed the contested Modification Application.⁷

On May 30, 2018, Windy City resumed operations on W280EM, with the facilities specified in the License Application.⁸ To date, Adams has not made any further filings in this interference proceeding.

In light of the foregoing, we find the 2015 purported interference issues to have been resolved. We, therefore, will dismiss the Objection and grant the License Application. However, we remind Windy

Interference Complaint & Supplement to Informal Objection” filed on February 9, 2015, by Adams (Third Supplement); and (5) an “Opposition” filed on February 10, 2015, by Windy City (Opposition).

³ Previously, on December 5, 2015, Windy City filed a license application, File No. BLFT-20141205AAG (2014 License Application) to cover permit File No. BMPFT-20141002AAM, filed on October 2, 2014, and granted on November 10, 2014 (November 2014 Permit). On January 7, 2015, Adams objected to the 2014 License Application. On January 26, 2015, the Bureau dismissed the 2014 License Application as moot. *See* Broadcast Actions, Public Notice, Report No. 48415 (dated Jan 29, 2015).

⁴ In the Objection, Adams resubmitted listener information included in its objection to the 2014 License Application along with new listener information. Adams also raised arguments concerning the Station’s operations under the dismissed 2014 License Application. Also, on January 26, 2015, the Bureau inadvertently granted the License Application, but rescinded it on February 3, 2015. *See* Broadcast Actions, Report No. 28421 (dated Feb. 6, 2015).

⁵ File No. BPFT-20150209ABD.

⁶ Windy City filed the following STA applications: (1) a May 26, 2015, engineering STA (File No. BSTA-20150526ACH) (Engineering STA) to temporarily operate the Station from the John Hancock Building in Chicago which granted on June 1, 2015, with a September 1, 2015 expiration date; (2) a September 17, 2015, request (File No. BESTA-20150917AAN) to extend the Engineering STA which was granted on September 24, 2015, with a December 24, 2015, expiration date; (3) an October 10, 2016, request (File No. BLSTA-20161005AAX) (2016 STA) to remain silent as of September 28, 2016, which was granted on October 28, 2016, for a period of 180 days (the Station resumed operations on May 31, 2017); and (4) a January 23, 2018, request to remain silent as of June 3, 2017, which was dismissed on June 8, 2018, after the Station resumed operations.

⁷ *See* Broadcast Actions, Public Notice, Report No.49231 (dated May 8, 2015).

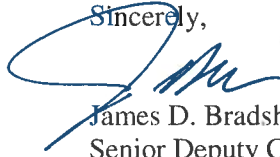
⁸ *See* Resumption of Operations (dated May 31, 2018).

City of its continuing obligation under Section 74.1203 to resolve any future complaints, should they arise.⁹

Conclusion. Accordingly, in light of the discussion above, IT IS ORDERED, that the Informal Objection filed by Adams Radio of Northern Indiana, LLC on January 26, 2015, and supplemented on January 27, 2015, January 28, 2015, and February 9, 2015, IS DISMISSED.

IT IS ORDERED that the application of Windy City Broadcasting, LLC for a license to cover FM Translator Station W280EM, Chicago, Illinois (File No. BLFT-20150120AIR) IS GRANTED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Bradshaw', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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⁹ See 47 CFR § 74.1203.